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REF; James W. Silver

Dear Sir;

I am writing to you, and just what I think about this country, I, myself will tell you the truth about what you said and you told the truth about the white men, for we don't have anything to say, but the NEGRO can run over the white peoples here in this country. Why do we have GOVERNMENT, for they can't do anything for the President John F. Kennedy is taking over the States and we mike as well to get rid of the Government of each State.

I am not going to tell you my name, because you may put this in the paper and I don't care, for I myself I think that President ~~Kennedy~~ Kennedy is a COMMUNIST and if the white people in this country dont try and get him out of the White House, we will be just like Russia, the President will give us a job and the Government will never have anything to do with the State at all, so I think that we should get someone other then Kennedy.

If Kennedy loves the Negro let him go and live with them, and I hope to live long enough to see Kennedy little girl to marry a negro, and he think more of the negro then he dose the white people of his on race.

I will tell you one thing, and I know that there are white people here in this country that needs food and Kennedy are sending all the money to all of the over to all of the other country and not putting it in this country, and all of these foreign people come over here and they give them all of the jobs, for I was in World War 2 and I come home and lost my left leg below the knee and you think that I can get a job, no because all of these foreign people are getting the jobs, and like these Mexicans comes and gets all of the goods jobs.

The welfare of this State gets more help in this state then the white peoples here dose, for I know, for they have cut me off and I have 6 childrens and all 6 are in school, and you think they will help me, no because the Mexicans comes first here, I would like to get a job, for I need one, and I am going to take my children out of school, if I can't get any help or a job, for if anyone needs a job I do.

I think and know for sure that what you said in the paper is TRUTH and I wish I could see Kennedy I would tell him just what I think of him, for if there are any COMMUNIST in this country Kennedy is one.

I am from the South and my home is GEORGIA, for I was born there and the season I am out here is so that I can work in the summer and there are lots of work in summer here, picking black berry and other fruit, but it is geting now that the farmer here are begain to use the Mexicans and leting the white people go for the



Mexicans will work cheaper then the white people will and it looks like that I am going to have to hit the road again.

Mr James Silver just what do you think about this country and do you think it is right for Kennedy to do like he is, no I think that he should do for the people in this country first, and now he is giving all of the wheat to Russia, and I dont think that is right.

Mr Silver if you think that I told the TRUTH you can have this printed in the Mississippi paper and if you would like to try and get hold of me, you have this printed in the Oregon Paper and I will see it and then I will write you again, and I may have to come to the South to live again soon.

Well I think that I have Spoke my Peace, and I will close this letter for now. I will not tell you my name or my address.

If you wont to answer this letter write to me under a false name and I will call for my mail under a false name.

Address; Mr Edward Nobody  
% Woodburn, Oregon  
Gen. Deliver



# Truth Said Casualty at Ole Miss

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP)—Dr. James W. Silver, a University of Mississippi professor, charged Thursday night his home state is a "closed society" where the white man does not dare speak out and the search for truth "has become a casualty."

Silver said the people of Mississippi were sold "a palpable and cynical hoax" that the federal government was responsible for the riot when James H. Meredith, a Negro, enrolled at the university. Silver blamed the university administration.

Silver, professor of history at the university and a member of the history faculty there 28 years, said in an address prepared for the Southern Historical Association:

"The Mississippian, who prides himself on his individuality, in reality lives in a climate where nonconformity is forbidden, where the white man is not free, where he does not dare to express a deviation opinion without looking over his shoulder."

## "Truth a Casualty"

The search for historical truth—including the truth of what happened when Meredith enrolled—"has become a casualty in embattled Mississippi," he said.

Silver, 56, a native of Rochester, N.Y., who was chairman of the University of Mississippi history department from 1947 until 1958 under the department's "revolving chairmanship" program, said he was present when Meredith was enrolled at Bayonet point. He said reporting by news media, which has been criticized by Mississippi state officials, "was accurate and interpretation sound and temperate."

Mississippi's "closed society," he asserted, immediately projected the version that the riot resulted from federal encroachment, deliberately "planned by the Kennedys and callously incited by Chief U.S. Marshal McShane when he called for tear gas."



## **"Touch of Paranoia"**

"That cleverness in shifting the culpability for defiance of law from those creating the violence to those enforcing the law could only succeed among a people suffering from a touch of paranoia," he said. Paranoia is a mental disorder marked by delusions of persecution and one's own greatness.

"The striking parallel between people and events of the 1850s and the 1950s brings home the consciousness that Mississippi has been on the defensive against inevitable change for more than a century, and that for some years before the Civil War it had developed a closed society with an orthodoxy accepted by nearly everybody in the state," the historian said.

## **Masterpiece of Fiction**

He charged a state legislative investigating committee "took six months to put together from the sworn statements of more than 90 witnesses its masterpiece of sententious fiction," but never called for testimony of faculty members and state legislators who saw what happened. The committee blamed the marshals and the federal administration.